HOUSE BILL 2602 By Godsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to dispensing of prescriptions to minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-214(b), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (19), by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (20) and by substituting instead a semicolon, by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (21) and by substituting instead the language "; and", and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(22) Dispensing, prescribing, or otherwise distributing any prescription drug as defined in § 63-10-404 to a minor without the permission of a parent or guardian of the minor or upon an order of a court.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(I) No prescription drug as defined in § 63-10-404 shall be dispensed, prescribed, or otherwise distributed by a physician assistant to a minor without the permission of a parent or guardian of the minor or upon an order of a court;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-124(a), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (20), by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (21) and by substituting instead the language "; or" and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(22) Dispensing, prescribing, or otherwise distributing any prescription drug as defined in § 63-10-404 to a minor without the permission of a parent or guardian of the minor or upon an order of a court.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(b), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(5) No prescription drug as defined in § 63-10-404 shall be dispensed, prescribed, or otherwise distributed by a nurse practitioner to a minor without the permission of a parent or guardian of the minor or upon an order of a court.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-9-111(b), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (20), by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (21) and by substituting instead the language "; and" and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(22) Dispensing, prescribing, or otherwise distributing any prescription drug as defined in § 63-10-404 to a minor without the permission of a parent or guardian of the minor or upon an order of a court.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

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